Private railway companies

1645. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRIMATI RODA MISTRY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 349 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1984 and state the details of agreement between the private Railway companies and the Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): The main provisions of the agreement between the six private railway companies and the Government referred to in Question No. 349 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1984, are annexed. [*See* Appendix CXXXI, Annexure No. 37]. These are embodied in the booklet "History of Indian Railways constructed and in progress", copies of which have been supplied to the Parliament Library.

Amendment of the Indian Medical Council Act

1646. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while inaugurating the 10th Joint Conference of Central Councils for Health and Family Welfare on 9th July, 1984, he hit out at the mushrooming of dubious medical colleges charging capitation fee;

(b) whether he had assured at the conference to review the provisions of the Indian Medncal Council Act; and

(c) if so, by when the Act is likely to be amended?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare in his inaugural address had, *inter-alia*, stated that the provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act require a review in view of the changed circumstances including the pernicious practice of charging capitation fee for admission to medical colleges. No particular time has been fixed for such a review.

Procurement of rice

1647. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total procurement of rice in each State during the current year, till date;

(b) whether proper arrangements have been made for its storage;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the quantity of rice given by each State to the Central Buffer Stock; and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that stocks of rice are not damaged on account of poor storage facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (d) A statement is enclosed.

(b), (c) and (e) The Food Corporation of India has made proper storage arrangements for the stocks of rice held by it. The stocks are stored in covered godowns. Pre-monsoon inspection of godowns is carried out and repairs undertaken whenever necessary to prevent leakage of rain water. The stocks are inspected periodically and disinfestation and other measures taken whenever necessary, to prevent damage.

Statement

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) during 1983-84 marketing season (as on 28-7-1984)	Quantity of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) given to Central Pool during 1983-84 marketing season (as on 28-7-1984)
1	Andhra Pradesh	15·09	14·18
2	Assam	0·11	0·03
3	Bihar	0·34	..
4	Gujarat	0·07	..
5	Haryana	6·46	6·43
6	Jammu and Kashmir	0·43	..
7	Karnataka	1·38	0·48
8	Kerala	*Negligible	..
9	Madhya Pradesh	3·09	3·05
10	Maharashtra	*Negligible	..
11	Orissa	1·14	1·03
12	Punjab	32·39	32·28
13	Rajasthan	0·42	0·42
14	Tamil Nadu	6·85	..
15	Uttar Pradesh	7·81	7·20
16	West Bengal	0·78	0·78
17	Arunachal Pradesh	0·01	0·01
18	Chandigarh	0·06	0·06
19	Pondicherry	0·02	..
		76·45	65·95

*Negligible=Below 500 tonnes.

New Fair Price Shops in Andhra Pradesh

1648. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new fair price shops opened under the Public Distribution System in each district of Andhra Pradesh during the current year; and

(b) what steps Central Government propose to take to ensure that these shops are opened in vulnerable rural arease of the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) 335 new fair